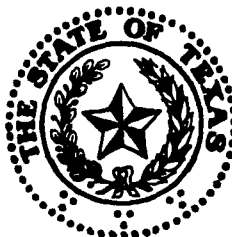


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Moreno	Scoggins
Muniz	of Nueces
Murray	Shannon, Joe, Jr.,
Newman	of Tarrant
Nugent of Kerr	Shannon, Tommy,
Orr	of Tarrant
Peeler	Simpson
Pendleton	Slack
Pickens	Slider
Pickett	Solomon
Pipkin	Stewart
Price	Stroud
Quilliam	Tarbox
Rapp	Thomas
Ray	Ward
Rosson	Wayne
Salter	Williams
Santiesteban	Wright

Nays—54

Abraham	Ligarde
Allen of Gregg	Lombardino
Allen of Harris	McKissack
Armstrong	McLaughlin
Atwell	Moore of Hill
Birkner	Murphy
Braecklein	Musgrove
Braun	Mutscher
Cahoon	Neugent
Caldwell	of Galveston
Clark of Dallas	Nowlin
Clayton	Ogg
Cory	Parker
Cruz of Harris	Richardson
Davis	Schiller
Field	Schulle
Finney	Semos
Floyd of Bexar	Sherman
Graves	Smith
Haines of Brazos	Swanson
Harris	Traeger
Hawkins	Vale
Hendryx	Vance
of Brewster	Vickery
Hull	Weldon
Jones of Lubbock	Whatley
Jungmichel	Wieting
Kilpatrick	Williamson

Absent

Carrillo	Moyer
Cavness	Ratcliff
Hale	Scoggins
Johnson of Harris	of El Paso

Absent-Excused

Kohler

COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Murray asked unanimous consent of the House that the Committee on Conservation and Reclamation be permitted to meet at this time.

There was no objection offered.

TO DESIGNATE THE HONORABLE NEIL CALDWELL AS "ARTIST LAUREATE OF THE HOUSE"

Mr. Richardson offered the following resolution:

H. S. R. No. 412

Whereas, In every organization there seems to be one man who has more friends, who is the most talented, who has the best personality, who is truly outstanding, and this House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature is no exception, taking pride, as it does, in our colleague and purveyor of good will—the Honorable Neil Caldwell; and

Whereas, All the adjectives which could be used to describe Neil and all he means to his fellow members would be a pretty heavy burden for his slight, 150-pound frame to carry and so a bare statement of a few facts, backed up by incidents—humorous and otherwise—will have to suffice to get the message across; and

Whereas, Neil's quick mind and ready wit, often used in his favorite Aggie jokes, are illustrated, by his remark to Speaker Ben Barnes over the public address system just the other day during a visit of Randy Matson, the Aggies' world champion shot putter who stands 6 feet 6½ inches tall and weighs 258 pounds: "Mr. Speaker, about that Aggie joke I told you . . . forget it."; and

Whereas, On another occasion, three Brazosport citizens, on a simple tourists' visit to the Capitol and legislative halls, were drafted by Neil to sit in a committee meeting as lobbyists. After he had made an impassioned speil on the plight of the Texas tortoise, "the friendly little beast that doesn't bite," he introduced his three guests as "The Brazoria County League to Preserve the Texas Tortoise"; and

Whereas, His remarks are not always confined to levity, however, as he is both a capable and determined advocate of measures he deems in the public interest—he was the House sponsor of the first civil rights bill in recent Texas history, for example; he works for labor legislation; and

he has almost an obsession about capital punishment; and

Whereas, As a serious church worker and an upright Baptist, he has strong convictions against liquor by the drink and horse racing; and

Whereas, He has so many talents and is so good at all of them that the ordinary everyday Texan would be embarrassed to admit his own prosaic interests—were it not for Neil's lack of deceit, his use of his gifts for the pleasure and entertainment of his friends and acquaintances: he is an artist, and his busts and sketches of prominent people include Governor Connally—for which he was finally rewarded with his Industrial Safety Bill; the late Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, of whom the sketched likeness was so expert that it was reproduced, by popular request, and all members of the House received a copy; and members of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee of the 60th Legislature; and

Whereas, He is also a competent pianist and proficient enough at photography to be a professional; in both high school and college—he is a graduate of The University of Texas School of Law and also received his B. A. degree from The University—he was good in track, and football as well; and

Whereas, His hobbies are as numerous as his talents: he owns a metal detector and searches for coins; he is a modern Texas voyageur, who is "hooked" on canoe trips through some of the wildest waters Texas has to offer—the canyons of the Rio Grande, where the roar of white water lures only the most daring and adventurous; he is a mountain climber extraordinaire, and was a member of that intrepid group — Senator Don Kennard, Representative John Allen and former Representatives Tony Koriath and Bill Kugle — who scaled some of the highest peaks in the Texas Guadalupe Mountains and whose exploits were recounted in a recent issue of PARADE; and

Whereas, His sense of humor and well-timed repartee have saved the situation many times when pressure and tension and hot heads threatened to blow the roof of the House Chamber; and

Whereas, How he still finds time to practice law is a mystery—but he does—and he manages to have time for other things, too—his lovely wife, Mary Lou, and children, Bruce, Matt, Ann, and Declan; and

Whereas, Members of the House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature have real affection for this colleague from Brazoria County and have had many occasions to be deeply grateful to him; and, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, by this Resolution, express appreciation to our fellow member, Neil Caldwell, and commend him for the wise and generous use of his talents in the service of Members of this House and of all the people of Texas; and, be it further

Resolved, That, in recognition of his artistic ability, the House of Representatives, show him the honor and respect that are his due by officially designating him the "Artist Laureate of the Texas House of Representatives."

The resolution was read and was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, the names of all Members of the House were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51 ON SECOND READING

The Chair laid before the House on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 51, A Joint Resolution proposing Amendments to Section 1-b, Article VIII, and Section 51, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to confer homestead rights upon unmarried persons and make them eligible for the Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) exemption from the assessed taxable values of residence homesteads.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Price offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend H. J. R. No. 51 by adding